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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Re: In the Spirit of the Freedom of Information Act, Government Transparency and the Right to Know

Dear: Utu Abe Malae

When I was at LBJ hospital last week I noticed that there was water running out of the bottom of the Backflow Protection Assembly that protects the Public Water Supply from the High Hazard Potential of the Hospital. According to ASAC 25.04 – Safe Drinking Water, the Public Water Supply System shall maintain records of backflow-prevention assembly installations and tests performed on backflow-prevention assemblies in its service area. Public records shall be retained by the public water system for at least three years. The test frequency required is: 1. Upon installation 2. Annually thereafter. Because of my concern for the safety of the water system that serves most of American Samoa I request the following records that ASAC 25.04 mandates ASPA maintain for all backflow assemblies:

- a. Assembly identification number and description
- b. Location
- c. Date of Tests
- d. Description of repairs and recommendations for repairs made by the tester
- e. The tester's name and certification number

If the above requested information is not readily available in a day or two I would at least like the records on the back flow assemblies that may or may not be located at the following "High Health Risk" facilities: LBJ Hospital, Samoa Tuna Packing, Starkist, Both ASPA operated Wastewater Treatment Facilities, all ASPA operated Sewer Lift Stations as well as the backflow assemblies used when various Contractors pull water from ASPA fire hydrants.

I understand that I may be required to pay the costs of copying, research, and postage associated with this request. I trust these required records are readily available and so research costs should be minimum. Electronic copies of these documents are acceptable to me and can be sent to the below listed Email address and thus save the cost of postage and making hard copies.



# Pictures Documenting Some of My Concerns Related to the Protection of the ASPA Water Supply from Cross-Contamination

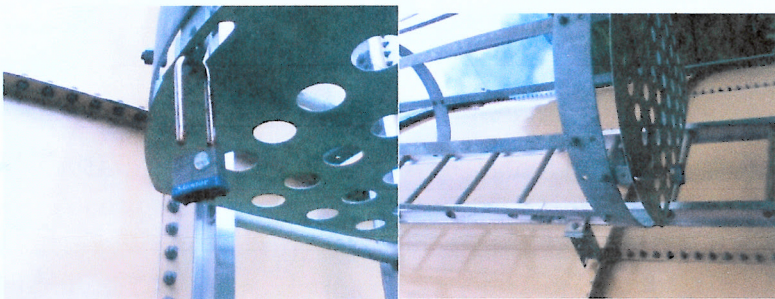
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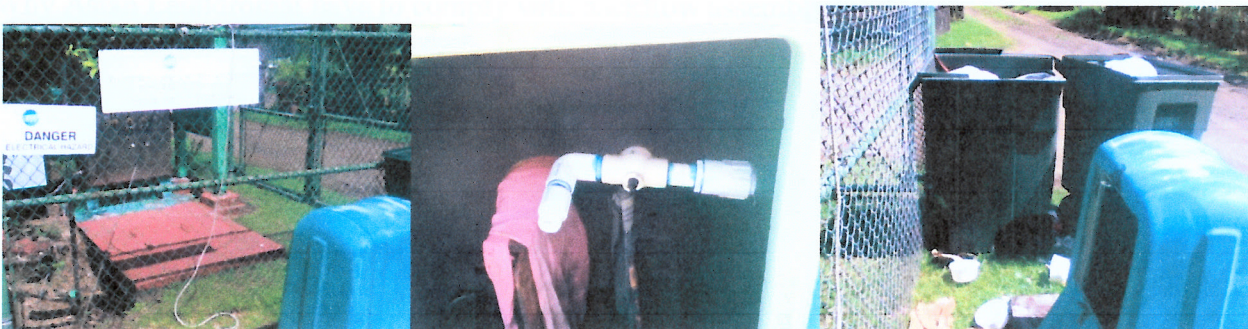
Typical Asian Operated Laundromat and Required Expensive BFA before given ASPA Water



Backflow Assembly at LBJ Hospital that was releasing water out the bottom valve the week of 09-01-14. Is it working properly? I would like to know when was the last time it was tested? What records ASPA has kept on the required testing. Google RPZ or go to Wikipedia for more information.



I think the ladder access to the LBJ Water Storage Tank should be Locked? Why not LBJ lock their ladder?



Typical ASPA Sewer Lift Station. Looks like it once had a Back Flow Assembly but it was removed WTF?